

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0030] Each of the shafts 13 and 14 are flexible, thereby allowing easier connection of the tunneler with a catheter. The shafts can be made flexible using any known mechanism in the art. A first such mechanism is by using a flexible material such as flexible metals (i.e., ~~Nitanol~~ Nitinol), or plastics. A second mechanism includes using corrugations in a portion—or all—of the shaft. A third mechanism includes using a plurality of slots, holes, grooves, discontinuities, series of links, or a combination thereof in a portion—or all—of the shaft.